

Report from a Committee Meeting of the CAB – Programs & Services Subcommittee

Group Name	Program & Services Subcommittee	Date	9/16/21
Chair	Lila Blanchard	Time	11:30AM-1:00PM
Recorder	Nicole Popczuk	Location	Web Meeting (Zoom)

MEETING ATTENDED BY THE FOLLOWING

Lila Blanchard	Dale Harrington	Staff: Patrice Guillory
Dr. Michelle Hernandez	Jill Ray	Staff: Nicole Popczuk
Mark Thomas	Janna Evans	Crawford Carpenter
Alicia Nuchols		

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome, Introductions & Announcements
 - Convened – 11:30 a.m.
- Public Comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Community Advisory Board and not on this agenda.
 - No Public Comment was received.
- Approval of the Minutes from the July 15, 2021 CAB Programs & Services Subcommittee Meeting [VOTE]
 - No Public Comment was received.
 - Discussion: None.
 - Motion: Dr. Michelle Hernandez
 - Second: Dale Harrington
 - Passed unanimously
- Discuss Transition to In-Person Meetings after Executive Order Expires 9/30/21
 - No Public Comment was received.

- Discussion: See discussion below; See video here for more details:
https://youtu.be/ENzK_34KkFs:
 - Lila Blanchard: Subcommittee agreed to move time up by (1) hour to account for room booking conflict with RJOB Diversion Subcommittee; Next scheduled meeting: 10/21/21 @ 10:30AM-Noon;
- Review Restorative Justice Circle examples:
 - Discuss SF Sheriff's Department implemented Restorative Justice Programs (Mark Thomas)
 - Public Comment was received.
 - Discussion: See discussion below; See video here for more details:
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 - Mark Thomas: Presented the following:
 - SF Sheriff's Office - [Survivor Restoration Program \(SRP\)](#); Restorative Justice is an approach and often overlaps with Social Justice; Restorative practices involves a victim and offender, predominantly used in the schools (i.e., SF Unified, Oakland Unified) and not the criminal justice system; Often takes about (5) years to implement;
 - Community Works West is the CBO that administers the [Resolve to Stop the Violence Project \(RSVP\)](#); and [Restorative Community Counseling \(RCC\)](#); Not always all men or all women on one side;
 - [60 min. Video on Michael Marcum](#), beginning at the [5:50] mark; Michael Marcum was the Assistant Sheriff for SF County; Spent 6 years in prison for shooting and killing his father; Worked his way up from Rehabilitation Counselor to Assistant Sheriff, 3rd in charge; Created many programs w/ Sheriff Michael Hennessey; Mark met Michael Marcum in 1997 when he was a graduate student and interviewed him;
 - Need both law enforcement, voters, community, etc., to buy into restorative practices; Restorative practices is a social science; After (5) years of RJ in the Oakland School District, the city cut the program, and parents fought to bring it back because they saw it worked;

- Lila Blanchard: We did have a presentation from Community Works West and Chat Program; Can you say more about what the RSVP Program is?
 - Mark Thomas: Programs consists of men that are in prison/jail, and them dealing with their impulses to commit violence; They implement restorative practice circles; Pod for this in the San Bruno Jail;
 - Lila Blanchard: Programs that are offered in SF for victim/offender services, what specific pieces of that program would you advocate for in CCC?
 - Mark Thomas: RSVP has proven successful; It's implemented in the jails, but they don't always change when they get out; It's painful for some returning individuals to deal with their suffering and they avoid family, etc.;
- Dale Harrington: Would appreciate seeing something that Mark identifies as accurate RJ language; Others are interested as well; Per Patrice, Subcommittee could create a Special Meeting;
- Patrice Guillory: You mentioned in the CAB Talking Points wanting to expand diversion resources as an alternative to incarceration; You have a compelling argument when you meet with various department heads that RJ can not only be effective, but in what ways it can be implemented the county;
- Mark Thomas: [IIRP](#) is the best source to align on RJ definitions;
- Lila Blanchard: Perhaps next time we share examples of what we're clearly recommending;
- Patrice Guillory: Timing for CAB Policy Brief is 10/7/21 for 1st Draft, and 10/15/21 for 2nd Draft;
- Lila Blanchard: Are there places in the U.S. that RJ circles implemented between LEA and offenders? Hears from Mark that there's importance to implementing RJ while in-custody; What would this look like for CCC?
 - Patrice Guillory: To her knowledge, no known RJ circles within CCC detention facilities;

- Janna Evans: Confirmed there's no in-person contact and non-contact visits right now due to COVID; Also confirmed that there's no known RJ circles implemented in the detention facilities at this time; Agrees with Patrice that West County Detention Center would be the most optimal place to implement these practices and/or Marsk Creek Detention Center;
 - Lila Blanchard: Hears that there's also opportunities to implement restorative justice practices with our non-profit partners/programs in CCC;
- Update on Adult Restorative Justice Programs within CCC (ORJ)
 - No Public Comment was received.
 - Discussion: See discussion below; See video here for more details: https://youtu.be/ENzK_34KkFs:
 - Nicole Popczuk: No updates; Still waiting to hear back from DA contact;

Survey Results Themes from Fall 2020

- Public Comment was received.
- Discussion: See discussion below; See video here for more details: https://youtu.be/ENzK_34KkFs
 - Lila Blanchard: Any other reactions to these themes? There's information here that could give work to the following Subcommittee; We'll be doing a survey next year and haven't decided on a way to make the responses easier to read; Two themes that stood out:
 - Need to reach out to community to get community output;
 - Piece about collaboration between agencies;
 - Dale Harrington: Who was surveyed?
 - Lilla Blanchard: All funded agencies that received AB 109 dollars;
 - Patrice Guillory: Meeting w/ Forensics Mental Health to see what they would need to expand MHET services to additional jurisdictions;

- Dale Harrington: Is housing a topic that is being addressed by CAB? He has been assigned to the CCC Council on Aging - Housing Workgroup;
 - Lila Blanchard: CAB is looking at evidence-based practices, specifically around Permanent Supportive Housing;
 - Patrice Guillory: There were a couple of housing policies that CAB has advocated for; In the past CAB has requested for an increase in resources; CAB has recently questioned whether or not the current resources are meeting the needs of the AB 109 population;
- Determine Next Steps on Recommendations from SIM Map Final Report to BOS, specifically #10
 - Public Comment was received.
 - Discussion: See discussion below; See video here for more details: https://youtu.be/ENzK_34KkFs:
 - Patrice Guillory: Provided context on how recommendation #10 came about; Housing is a service area that can be more restrictive and limits availability to others justice involved; AB 109 dollars was the foundation of reentry services;
 - Jill Ray: The SIM Map looked at all intercepts and not just reentry (i.e., pre-connections and post-connections to incarceration); Meant to identify gaps;
 - Nicole Popczuk: Provided context on how the SIM Map Recommendation #10 came to the attention of this Subcommittee;
 - Lila Blanchard: Are we advocating for AB 109 dollars to be available to others that are justice involved or are we advocating for expanding AB 109 dollars as well as those that qualify for those services?
 - Patrice Guillory: Not sure if CAB can present to CCP a request for CCP to find more money elsewhere; Recommends CAB follow-up on the current CAB recommendations that CCP has been deliberating on in regard to housing;
 - Jill Ray: Recommended CAB advocate for Departments and CBOs to spread their funding out through multiple-sources as opposed to relying on a single-source; Housing is the one service that has been limited to AB 109; For an example, per Patrice, Probation has used its own funding to house General Supervision clients;

- Lila Blanchard: Summarized that CAB could advocate for expanding funding for housing beyond AB 109 population;
- Review Work Plan
 - Discuss Site Visit Strategy
 - No Public Comment was received.
 - Discussion: See discussion below; See video here for more details: https://youtu.be/ENzK_34KkFs:
 - Lila Blanchard: Provided an overview of what we've accomplished on the Work Plan to date; Have not done site visits due to COVID; Purpose was to gain additional information from CBOs;
- Next Steps
 - Discussion: See below in "Next Steps".
- Adjourn to next Subcommittee Meeting: October 21, 2021, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - Adjourned – 1:00 p.m.

NEXT STEPS

- Agenda Items for October:
 - Standing Agenda Item for Restorative Justice:
 - Presentation of Restorative Justice Language and Definitions (Mark Thomas)
 - Update on Adult Restorative Justice Programs within CCC, specifically DA (ORJ)
 - Review Work Plan
 - Initiatives Item #1 and Item #3

ACTION REQUESTED OF FULL CAB

- Present the following Policy Brief item: CAB advocate for expanding funding for housing beyond AB 109 population;

IMPORTANT DATES

- CCP Budget Workshop: 11/12/21 @ 10:30AM

ATTACHMENTS

- None.